

## Abstract of the Disclosure

Carboxyalkylcellulose esters are disclosed having relatively low degrees of polymerization. These new carboxyalkylcellulose esters include  
5 carboxymethylcellulose acetate, carboxymethylcellulose acetate  
propionate, and carboxymethylcellulose acetate butyrate. The inventive  
esters exhibit solubility in a range of organic solvents, and are useful in  
coatings and ink compositions as binder resins and rheology modifiers.

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